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SUBJ: CNT DEMANDS THIRTY- FIVE PERCENT WAGE HIKE
AT SITE OF TEXTILE COMPANY STRIKE

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1. CNT' S EXPANDED GOVERNING BOARD ON APRIL 7 DECIDED THAT THE COMMUNIST- LED CONFEDERATION WOULD SEEK A 35 PERCENT GENERAL INCREASE FOR PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTORS, EFFECTIVE MAY 1, AS AN " ADVANCE" ON WAGE ADJUSTMENT EXPECTED AT MID- YEAR. INCREASE IN MINIMUM WAGE (PRIVATE SECTOR) TO 61,500 PESOS MONTHLY FROM 45,500 ALSO SOUGHT. THESE DEMANDS WERE DEVELOPED WITH INDEPENDENT PORT WORKERS UNION (USOP) AND ARE NOW SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION BY THAT GOUP AT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 10.

2. AS GESTURE OF SUPPORT TO STRIKING WORKERS OF " LA INDUSTRIAL" TEXTILE COMPANY, CNT' S GOVERNING BOARD MEETING TOOK PLACE AT JUAN LACAZE (DEPARTMENT OF COLONIA). THIS GAVE TOP CNT LEADERSHIP AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE ITS MILITANCY IN FACT OF CRITICISM FROM ELEMENTS WITHIN CNT' S TEXTILE WORKERS
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AFFILIATE (COT), AMONG OTHERS, THAT CNT LACKS A " PLAN FOR
FIGHTING" FOR ITS PLATFORM. WORKERS FROM THE STRUCK TEXTILE PLANT

BEGAN " MARCH OF SACRIFICE" TO MONTEVIDEO, DISTANCE OF
APPROXIMATELY 150 KILOMETERS. POLICE HAVE ORDERED WORKERS TO END
OCCUPATION OF PLANT BY APRIL 9. COMMENT: GIVEN
RADICAL PRESSURES WITHIN COT, THIS CONFLICT COULD PROVOKE
SYMPATHY STRIKES IN OTHER TEXTILE PLANTS.
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